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## 2011 Meeting Dates:

- February 15<sup>th</sup>
- June 14<sup>th</sup>
- October 11<sup>th</sup>

Please note that meeting dates and locations are subject to change or may be cancelled due to lack of business. All meetings are held in: Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Room W064 of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

## What's Happening in your Profession?

Effective July 1, 2011 IPLA will require criminal background checks for all new licensees. In addition, at the discretion of the committee, a criminal background check may be required for a licensee currently on probation who wishes to terminate his or her probationary status and for a current license holder processing a renewal.

Are there any changes on the table for your profession in legislation? If you would like to know the answer to this question and more, check out the website for the Indiana General Assembly at [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative).

## Points of Interest:

- Next renewal date for all licensed OT's and OTA's will be **November 2012 thru December 31, 2012**
- During each two (2) year license period, an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant must complete at least eighteen (18) hours of continuing competency of which at least nine (9) hours must be in category I courses.
- Continuing Education (CE) must be completed **January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2012**. CE for each renewal cycle cannot be carried over to the next renewal period.

## Member Profile:

In this section of the newsletter we will introduce you to your committee one by one.

### **Debra Mosley:**

I am an occupational therapist with 22 years of experience as an OT and 12 years of management experience. I graduated from Washington University with a BS in Occupational Therapy in 1988 and from University of Indianapolis with a MS in Health Science in 1996. My current employer is St. Mary's Medical Center and I am the physical medicine coordinator of the therapy department in the hospital. I am serving my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as a member of the OT Committee and enjoy being an advocate for the profession. I also serve as the clinical coordinate for the therapy department and have developed a great relationship with the allied health program at the University of Southern Indiana to educate and promote the OT profession.

## Newsletter Schedule:

- February
- May
- August
- November

## Fees Schedule:

Application:	\$100
Temporary Permit:	\$50
Renewal:	\$100
Reinstatement:	\$150
<i>(1 day-3 yrs)</i>	
Reinstatement:	\$200
<i>(3yrs and over)</i>	
Duplicate license:	\$10
<i>(plus online processing fee)</i>	
Letter of Verification:	\$10
<i>(plus online processing fee)</i>	

## IOTA Corner:

Hello Indiana OTs. I hope you are all enjoying the warming, but wet weather of spring. Lighter clothes and faster cars makes May one of the best months in Indiana. However the AOTA 2012 countdown is on. Indianapolis will be hosting the 2012 AOTA conference next April and I hope that all of our Indiana OTs will attend and that many of you will volunteer to help welcome OTs from across the country.

Thanks to the hard work of our Legislative & Advocacy Committee led by Thom Fisher, IOTA was successful in passing two key pieces of legislation during the 2011 session. This legislative session was quite a roller coaster ride, but it resulted in the licensure of OTAs in Indiana and the repeal of language that allowed Aides to deliver OT services under the supervision of an OT. While efforts to include an updated scope of practice were delayed in 2011, we are optimistic that much of the *word-smithing* that was accomplished during the session will better prepare us for moving this legislation forward during the 2012 legislative session.

IOTA plans for the summer include district meetings throughout the state, preparations for our fall conference that will be held at the new conference facilities at IUPUI on September 24<sup>th</sup> and putting together volunteers to support the AOTA conference in April of 2012.

Please know that all of these efforts require both sweat and financial resources. Although IOTA membership has increased by 28% during the last eighteen months our 450 members carry the sweat and financial burden of the 3200 OT practitioners in the state. These volunteers represent your profession to the public and the policy makers during some very turbulent times. The Indiana Occupational Therapy Association is your professional practice *insurance* and needs your membership to make sure that our collective voice is strong. Please go to the website at [www.inota.com](http://www.inota.com) and click on the *Join IOTA* button. I look forward to working with you in the future to make sure that our clients have access to the valuable services you provide. *Lori Breeden, IOTA*

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## *Notes from the Director,*

Welcome to what is the first in an ongoing series of quarterly newsletters. The purpose of these newsletters is to keep you abreast with what is going on in your profession as well as with the Indiana Occupational Therapy Committee. Each edition will offer a F.A.Q. section where our administrative staff will address your frequently asked questions. Feel free to email us at [pla6@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla6@pla.in.gov) to ask your questions or voice concerns; indicate in the subject line ***"Newsletter: OT"*** and you will see your questions, comments, and concerns addressed in a future publication...

*Tasha Coleman*

## **Disciplinary Action:**

A list of board disciplinary actions may be found on our license litigation system at <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/>

Free online licensure look-ups may be obtained at <https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx>. This is a real time database and is the best resource for accurate data.

## **Compilation:**

An updated copy of the occupational therapy practice act, may be found at [http://www.in.gov/pla/files/OTC.2010\\_Compilation.pdf](http://www.in.gov/pla/files/OTC.2010_Compilation.pdf)

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Can I apply for licensure before I graduate?**

*NO, your degree must be conferred and transcripts received before seeking licensure. However, for the purpose of applying for a temporary permit, a letter of completion from the dean or program director is accepted.*

### **Can I have more than one supervisor?**

*Yes, there is no set number of supervisors a permit holder can have. However, an occupational therapist cannot supervise more than three (3) holders of a temporary permit at one (1) time.*

### **How do I file a complaint?**

*Consumer complaints are processed through the Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General.*

*You may file a complaint online or download the appropriate complaint form at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com)*